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Application No.: 10/582,320) CUSTOMER NO. 27717
Applicant: Kenneth George Brash)
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Docket No.: 37388-405800) Examiner: John Roger Paradiso
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY FILED
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of August 19, 2009, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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